

Appendix O

WEAPON TYPE CODES¹

Appendix O provides coding in reference to Data Element 1045 “Weapon Type” to be used for the purpose of identifying the type of weapon used during an incident. The Federal Gun-Free Schools Act requires states to report the number of students expelled for bringing firearms to school by type of firearm. The following codes permit detailed coding of the type of weapon used in an incident.

0010	Firearm	Select from specific codes below. A firearm is any weapon which will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or any machine gun.
0011	<i>Handgun</i>	The weapon involved was a handgun or pistol.
0012	<i>Shotgun/rifle</i>	The weapon involved was a shotgun or rifle.
0013	<i>Other type of firearm (e.g., bombs, grenades, or starter pistols)</i>	<p>The weapon involved was another type of firearm not named above, including zip guns, starter guns, and flare guns. As defined by the Gun-Free Schools Act, other firearms include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of any explosive; The frame or receiver of any weapon described above; Any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; and Any destructive device, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Any explosive, incendiary (e.g., bomb, grenade), or poison gas; * Any weapon which will, or which may be readily converted to, expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant, and which has any barrel with a bore of more than one-half inch in diameter; and

¹ The Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) requires that each state receiving Federal funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) have a state law that requires all local educational agencies (LEAs) in the state to expel from school for at least 1 year any student found bringing a firearm to school. It also requires that state laws authorize the LEA chief administering officer to modify any such expulsion on a case-by-case basis. In addition, the GFSA states that it must be construed so as to be consistent with the IDEA.

- * Any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into any destructive device described in the two immediately preceding examples, and from which a destructive device may be readily assembled.

0020	Knife	The weapon involved was a knife.
0021	<i>Knife with blade length less than 2.5 inches</i>	The weapon involved was a knife with a blade less than 2.5 inches in length.
0023	<i>Knife with blade length greater than or equal to 2.5 inches</i>	The weapon involved was a knife with a blade 2.5 inches or greater in length.
0029	<i>Other knife</i>	The weapon involved was another type of knife.
0030	Other Sharp Objects	The weapon involved was another type of sharp object, (e.g., razor blade, ice pick, dirk, Chinese star, other pointed instrument [used as a weapon]).
0040	Other Object	The weapon involved was another known object (e.g., chain, nunchakus, brass knuckle, billy club, electrical weapon or device [stun gun], BB or pellet gun).
0050	Substance Used as Weapon	The weapon involved was a substance (e.g., mace, tear gas) that was used as a weapon.
0097	Other	The incident involved a weapon other than those described above.
0098	No Weapon	No weapon was used in the incident.
0099	Unknown Weapon	A weapon was used in the incident, but the type is unknown.